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The hon. Mr. N. E. MARJORIBANKS :—" The statement was based on the figures for first-class magistrates' courts."

Rai Bahadur T. M. NARASIMHACHARLU :—" What is the standard of heaviness, Sir ? "

Land Revenue.

Remissions of land revenue in Tanjore district.

* 238 *Q.*—Mr. V. PANTULU AYYAR : Will the hon the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether Government have received recommendations from the District Collector of Tanjore as regards remissions of land revenue ; and

(*b*) if the answer to (*a*) be in the affirmative, the total acreage (wet and dry in separate figures) recommended and, if in the negative, whether Government have called for such recommendations ?

A.—(*a*) Proposals for season remissions are not submitted to Government. Jamabandi officers are competent to grant such remissions under the provisions of Board's Standing Order No. 13.

(*b*) The latest information is that the remission may amount to about 5 lakhs of rupees.

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" May I ask the hon. the Revenue Member to tell us what is the acreage in respect of which remissions are proposed to be granted ? "

The hon. Mr. N. E. MARJORIBANKS :—" We have not the information, Sir."

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" Will the hon. Member be pleased to call for the information ? "

The hon. Mr. N. E. MARJORIBANKS :—" I do not think it will be available till the end of the agricultural year."

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" We are accustomed to wait. Will he be pleased to call for the information ? "

The hon. Mr. N. E. MARJORIBANKS :—" I do not see any necessity to call for the information because it will be duly published at the end of the year."

Reprinting of the Board's Standing Orders, etc.

* 239 *Q.*—Rao Bahadur CRUZ FERNANDEZ : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state whether it is the intention of Government to arrange for the reprint of (i) the Board's Standing Orders, vols. I and II, and (ii) Village Officers' and Loans Manuals before the end of the official year ?

A.—The Board's Standing Orders and the Madras Takkavi Manual are publications issued under the authority of the Board of Revenue. It is not proposed to reprint them now as the present editions are not overloaded with correction slips and there are a number of copies in stock. The Board of Revenue has under preparation a

revised edition of the 'Village Officers Manual' which will in future be styled 'The Village Officers and Ryots Manual.' The publication is not likely to be issued before the end of the current official year.

Survey.

Additional town surveyor's post in the Palghat municipality

*240 Q.—Mr. R. VEERIAN: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many municipalities have been provided with additional town surveyors in this Presidency as per G.O. No. 3118, dated 3rd October 1917, and the names of such municipalities;

(*b*) the reason why the post of additional town surveyor in the Palghat municipality was abolished;

(*c*) whether the abolition of the post of the additional town surveyor of Palghat town has been recommended by the Board of Revenue;

(*d*) whether all the stones and town survey marks are not maintainable in municipalities;

(*e*) what is the actual cost of the original town survey operations of Palghat town, and what amount of it was contributed by the Government; and

(*f*) the actual annual cost of the town survey maintenance establishment of the Palghat town, and the contribution by the Government to the municipality?

A.—(*a*) The municipalities of Salem, Tanjore, Kumbakōnam, Trichinopoly, Madura and Ootacamund have been provided with additional town surveyors in accordance with G.O. No. 3118, Revenue, dated the 3rd October 1917.

(*b*) The post was abolished as the Municipal Council stated that there was not sufficient work for the additional surveyor.

(*c*) The Board of Revenue did not express any definite opinion in the matter.

(*d*) Yes

(*e*) Rs. 22,345. The whole cost of the survey of the Palghat municipality was borne by Government.

(*f*) Rs. 1,068. Government contribute one-third of the cost.

11-30 a.m. Mr. R. VEERIAN.—'With reference to clause (*b*), may I know whether the Board of Revenue was satisfied that there was not sufficient work for the additional surveyor?"

The hon. Mr. N. E. MARJORIBANKS:—"We can only suppose when the Board of Revenue forwarded the proposal they satisfied themselves on the subject."

Mr. R. VEERIAN:—"In that case, may I know whether the Municipal Council is vested with powers to abolish an additional surveyor's post in the absence of an expression of any definite opinion in the matter by the Board of Revenue?"

The hon. Mr. N. E. MARJORIBANKS:—"The Municipal Council did not abolish the post, Sir."